

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF THE DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY
WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, INC., WITH THE STATE ENGINEER
HELD IN DUCHESNE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DUCHESNE, UTAH
MARCH 14, 1977, at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Don Norseth, Distribution Engineer, introducing John Blane, Deputy State Engineer and Robert F. Guy, Area Engineer Division of Water Rights.

Mr. Norseth reported on the water forecast as of January 1977, which showed below average. It is expected to be 37% of Normal in the area. However, forecast for spring moisture should bring the average nearer the 50% average. The State of Utah as a whole is in a water shortage era for 1977.

With this introduction Mr. Norseth invited Mr. Ray Thomas, president of the Duchesne-Strawberry Water Users to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

The minutes of the March 1, 1976, meeting were read. Mr. Melvin White moved that the minutes be approved as read. Mr. Loryn Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Don Norseth gave the 1976, Financial Report as follows:

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
1976
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- A. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds January 1, 1976: \$6,889.69
- B. Receipts and Expenditures:
1. Receipts
 - (a) Regular Assessments \$ 8,919.48
 - (b) Delinquent Collections 43.82
 - (c) Total Receipts 8,963.30
 2. Expenditures \$ 10,724.36
- C. Balance of Distribution Trust Funds December 31, 1976: \$5,128.63

OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER
DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1976 Budget		1976	Total 1976
Item No.	DISCRIPTION OF BUDGET ITEM	Amt. Approved	Expenditure
1.	Commissioner's Salary	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
1-C	Matching Social Security Tax	450.00	409.50
1-F	Matching State Retirement	423.60	460.26
2-A	Commissioner's Travel Expense 15¢ per Mi.	2,400.00	1,590.00
2-B	Commissioner's Phone Expense	100.00	53.13
3.	Bonds & Insurance Premiums	60.00	50.97
4.	Distribution Supplies & Equipment	1,300.00	864.39
5.	Miscellaneous Expense	326.40	0.00
6.	Annual Report (1976)	240.00	129.31
7.	Board of Directors Expense	500.00	166.80
8.	Dep. Commissioners if needed	500.00	0.00
	Total 1976 Budget	\$13,300.00	\$10,724.36
	Total 1976 Assessment	9,000.00	

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
1976 DELINQUENT WATER ASSESSMENT
as of MARCH 7, 1977

<u>S/E Acc't No.</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS:</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:</u>
5.	Ashley National Forest, Vernal Utah C/O Forest Supervisor 84078	\$ 2.35
7.	William R. Peatross, Duchesne, Utah	7.88
9.	Big Spring Ditch Co.-% Lamont Moon, Hanna,	62.35
27.	Farm Creek Irr.Co,% Arvel Rhoades, Secretary, Tabiona, Utah	33.21
56.	Alden Muir, Fruitland, Utah	9.55
64	Wm.R. Peatross, Duchesne, Utah	9.13
85.	Tabby Irrigation Co. % Earl H. Van- Tassell, Sec., Tabiona, Utah	856.63
92.	Ute Indina Tribe % Thomas G. Appah Fort Duchesne, Utah	3.35
97.	Russell Cummings, RFD Box 667 Heber City, Utah 84032	3.08
99.	William R. Williams, Duchesne, Utah	7.63
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$995.16

Moved by Melvin White and seconded by Jay Abbott that the Financial Report for 1976, given by the State Engineer's Office be approved. Motion carried

David K. Clayburn, Commissioner presented his report for 1976, on the Distribution and Water supply of Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers. Mr. Clayburn reported that his working relations with the Water Users was very good. Measuring devices are in better shape than a year ago. The State Engineer's Office has been very cooperative with him and he enjoyed his work. Water Users were purchasing some water from the Central Utah Project and it is delivered from the Starvation Reservoir.

It was moved by Mr. Loryn Ross that the Commissioner David Clayburn's report be accepted. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Directors of the Duchesne-Strawberry River Water Users Association recommended the following budget for 1977:

BUDGET FOR 1977

1.	Commissioner's Salary	\$ 7,500.00
1-C	Matching Social Security Tax	500.00
1-F	Matching State Retirement	500.00
2-A	Commissioners Travel Expense (15¢ per Mi.)	2,300.00
2-B	Commissioner's Phone Expense	100.00
3	Bonds & Insurance Preimums	60.00
4	Distribution Supplies & Equipment	800.00
5	Miscellaneous Expenses	300.00
6	Annual Report	240.00
7	Board of Directors Expense	500.00
8	Deputy Commissioner if needed	500.00
	Total Budget for 1977	\$13,300.00

Loryn Ross moved that the recommended budget of \$13,300.00 for 1977, be approved. Melvin White seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Melvin White and seconded by Earvin Murphy that approval be given

for David Kenneth Clayburn to continue as Water Commissioner and the salary of \$7500.00 be approved. Motion carried.

Loryn Ross suggested that 3 acre feet of water be used for delivery during the 1977, irrigation season. The BIA has suggested 4.00 acre feet. Water users present at this meeting voted to have delivery made on the 3 acre feet for 1977.

Mr. John Saunders of the Bureau of Indian Affairs wanted to go on record as not concurring with the 3 acre feet of water, but would go along with what the Ute Indian Tribe would recommend for the 1977 water season.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

John Bene
Donald C. Norseth
Bob Guy
Loryn S. Ross
Maurice E. Harvey
Frank Murphy
Earvin Murphy
Ken Clayburn
Earl Wright
Kipp Merkley
Melvin White
Draden Foster
John ^{H.} Davies
Delbert Broadhead
Jay Abbott
Howard Cowan
Stephen B. Smith
Merlin Broadhead
Elmer R. Moon
Theron H. Robb
Joe Curry
Wayne Jones
Wale Gines
Arvel Rhoades
Davis H. Sheffey
Joe Clayburn
John Saunders
Clifton C. Mickelson
Ray Thomas
Stan Adams

Deputy State Engineer
Div. of Water Rights
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Uintah Basin Irrigation Co.
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Duchesne Irrigation Co/
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Broadhead Ditch
Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Pioneer Canal-Murray White
Independent-ICFS
John R. Davies Ditch
Broadhead Ditch Co.
Rocky Point & Mecham Ditch Co.
Rocky Point Ditch
U.S. Forest Service
East/West Rock Creek Ditch
Water User
Shank Ditch
Rhoades Canal Co.
Farm Creek Irrigation Co.
Rhoades Canal Co. & Tabby Irrigation
Farm Creek Irrigation Co.
Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Strawberry River
Board member
Division of Water Rights

Meeting adjourned.

Two handwritten signatures are present at the bottom of the page. The first signature is in cursive and appears to read "John Saunders". The second signature is also in cursive and is less legible, possibly reading "Clifton C. Mickelson".